

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2 as with the following amended paragraph:

The maspin expression threshold levels can be determined empirically, as described in the working example below. For instance, the threshold level can be the level at which greater than 70% (e.g., 75, 80, 85, 90, or 95%) of patients survive for at least 50 months (e.g., at least 60, 70, 80, 90, 150, or 200 months). These levels are determined by segregating a population of SCC patients with a continuum of maspin expression levels into discrete groups based on maspin expression, then determining the survival curve for each group. The threshold levels of expression for exclusion or inclusion in any group ~~is~~ are set to achieve pre-determined levels of survival.